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Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which came to the attention of Applicants and Applicants' counsel within the last three months. One copy of each cited document is submitted herewith. Each of the cited documents generally relates to apparatus for cleaning workpieces. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the foregoing references, alone or in combination. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to dispute any of the listed documents as prior art during examination. Further, Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application. Furthermore, the submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information may exist.

The documents submitted in this Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a search report dated March 12, 2001 in the corresponding PCT application, PCT/US 00/14016, not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement, and therefore no fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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